

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

FIRST NAMED INVENTOR : Evan C. LEE **Confirmation No.: 7939**
FOR : IMPROVED FRAGMENT ELIMINATION
APPLICATION NO. : 10/815,056
FILING DATE : March 31, 2004
EXAMINER : Charles D. Adams
ART UNIT : 2164
CUSTOMER NO. : 46158

RESPONSE

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Sir:

The Final Office Action in the above-identified application was dated September 16, 2008. The three month period for responding to the Office Action expires on December 16, 2008.

Accordingly, this Amendment is timely filed.

In response to the Final Office action dated September 16, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 2** of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on **page 10** of this paper.